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FOR PREPARATION AND USE  
THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114(c), accompanies the Request for Continued Examination (37 CFR 1.114) submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicants have not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications.

Applicants note that citations AD and AE listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 were cited in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-553484, which corresponds (at least in part) to the present application. Citations AA,

AB, and AC listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 were cited in USSN 10/169,546 (now issued as U.S. Patent No. 7,232,520) to which the present application claims priority.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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